GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Cancer Centres in the country;

(b) whether the Government is planning to start new RCCs in different parts of the country in view of the increasing cancer patients;

(c) the programmes being implemented by the Government to prevent cancer;

(d) the new developmental activities initiated by the Ministry for Trivandrum Regional Cancer Centre;

(e) whether any fresh proposal is pending with the Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 101 FOR 8TH DECEMBER, 2004

At present, there are 20 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) in different parts of the country recognized under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) for comprehensive cancer treatment facilities and research. List of RCCs is annexed. The Government has plans to recognize RCCs in States where there are no RCCs and additional RCCs in populous States in a phased manner.

National Cancer Control Programme was launched in 1975 with the objectives of prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer in the country. Under NCCP, the following activities have been undertaken:

(a) District Cancer Control Programme for prevention through health education and early detection of cancer;

(b) supporting RCCs and other institutions for strengthening treatment facilities under RCC/Oncology Wing/Cobat Therapy schemes.

Since Tobacco is one of the major causes of cancer, the Central Government has enacted a legislation to discourage use of all tobacco products.

This Ministry is also assisting various RCCs including RCC, Trivandrum, for strengthening cancer treatment facilities. This Ministry has been assisting various RCCs with a grant of Rs.75 lakhs per annum for procurement of equipment and research. Under the revised programme, a one time assistance of upto Rs.3 crores can be extended to the RCCs based on action plan submitted by them for augmenting the cancer treatment facilities. In this regard, we have received a number of proposals from various RCCs, including RCC, Trivandrum.

The Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum, has sent following two proposals for financial assistance in the year 2004-05;

(i) a grant of Rs.3.00 crore under the RCC Scheme and

(ii) a grant of Rs.2.00 crore under the Oncology Wing Development Scheme.

These proposals are under consideration in this Ministry. The assistance will be provided subject to technical evaluation and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs)

Kamla Nehru Memorial Hospital, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh

Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal

Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Kidwai Memorial Instt. Of Oncology, Bangalore, Karnataka

MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

Regional Cancer Institstute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Pondicherry Regional Cancer Society, JIPMER, Pondicherry

Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer, Centre for Cancer Research & Treatment, Cuttack, Orissa

Dr.B.B. Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Assam

Regional Cancer Control Society, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra

Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, Bihar

Indian Rotary Cancer Institute (A.I.I.M.S.), New Delhi

Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Trust & Research Institute (RCC), Bikaner, Rajasthan

R.S.T. Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra

Regional Cancer Centre, Pt. B.D. Sharma, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana

Pt. J.N.M. Medical College, Raipur, Chhatisgarh

Civil Hospital Aizawl, Mizoram